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(57) Abstract: The present invention is directed to cyanomethyl derivatives that are inhibitors of cysteine protease, in particular, cathepsins B, K, L, F, and S and are therefore useful in treating diseases mediated by these proteases. The present invention is directed to pharmaceutical compositions comprising these compounds and processes for preparing them.